717. At a special convocation held on 10th April 1951, the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred on Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Republic. Special Convocation.

718. The National Institute of Engineering, Mysore, was affiliated to the University. Affiliation.

719. Seventy-eight extension lectures were arranged in different parts of the State. Extension Lectures.

720. A sum of Rs. 39·5 (Rs. 44·6) lakhs was granted to the University for the year. Grant.

721. A sum of Rs. 1,50,000 was provided for the award of Backward Community Scholarships and Rs. 78,500 for the award of Depressed Class Scholarships. Scholarships.

722. The value of the Depressed Class Scholarships was enhanced from Rs. 150 to Rs. 200 per mensem in the case of Degree courses and from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 in the Intermediate and Diploma courses. All Depressed class students were exempted from payment of tuition and examination fees.

723. Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 for the development of post-graduate research training facilities in the Department of Chemistry by the creation of services section.

(iii) Encouragement to Authors.

724. Subventions were paid to 29 authors and editors of books and publishers of journals out of the provision of Rs. 2,500 made under "Encouragement to Authors" during the year. In the competition for the Devaraj Bahadur Charity Literary prizes, 21 works were received. Of these 14 did not come up under purview of rules. The remaining 7 works (3 manuscripts and 4 printed books) were taken up for consideration. A committee was appointed to adjudge the works received and award prizes.

(iv) Literature.

725. The number of books registered during the year was 192 (176).

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(v) The Mysore Government Museum.

Galleries.

726. The elimination of the deteriorated specimens in the Natural History section was continued. One hundred and sixteen specimens were acquired as new editions. About 66 valuable specimens relating to Zoology, Ethnology, Sculpture, Arms and Armour were added on to the Museum.

Archæology.

727. The typical and representative collection of sculpture housed in the Archæological section of the Museum was attractive and was witnessed by huge crowds of students of archæology. The Museum, collaborated with the Department of Archæology, Mysore, in the exhibition of Art and Archæology held at Mysore in January 1951 in connection with the Centenary celebrations of the Maharaja's College, Mysore.

Zoology.

728. A collection of 13 reptiles and mammals was acquired for the Natural History Section.

729. There was a regular stream of school children visiting the Museum during the year. The total number of visitors to the Museum was 3,37,881 (2,34,596). The systematic guide lectures to students from Primary Schools on history, fauna, flora and industries of Mysore were delivered on Saturday mornings. Explanatory talks to illiterate visitors formed an important feature of educational work of the institution.

730. The grant for the Museum for the year was Rs. 11,300 (Rs. 11,080).